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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/523,595) Group Art Unit: 2721
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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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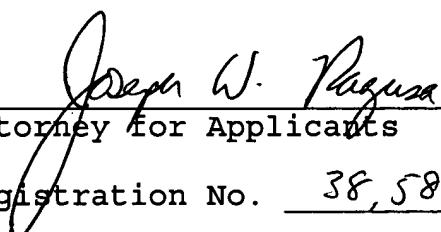
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APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed May 11, 2000,
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Also enclosed is a copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of the document is attached for that purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should be directed to our new address given below.

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